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Claim 1 (Withdrawn) A labeling device intended for use on a circular pipe, tube or conduit, comprising:

a sign plate;
a saddle stem connected to said sign plate; and
a saddle fitting connected to said saddle stem, wherein an inside diameter of said saddle fitting is shaped as a section of a circle having a gap of less than 180°, such that when applied to a pipe, tube, or conduit having an outside diameter and an axial length, said inside diameter of said saddle fitting is equal to or slightly smaller than said outside diameter of said pipe, tube or conduit and the inside diameter of said saddle fitting is in contact with the outside diameter of said pipe, tube, or conduit.

Claim 2 (Withdrawn). A device according to claim1, wherein said saddle stem is connected to said sign plate via a moveable joint.

Claim 3 (Withdrawn). A device according to claim1, wherein said saddle stem is connected to said sign plate via a flexible connector.

Claim 4 (Withdrawn). A device according to claim 1, further comprising a first extension arm connected between said sign plate and said saddle stem.

Claim 5 (Withdrawn). A device according to claim 4, further comprising a moveable joint between said first extension arm and said saddle stem.

Claim 6 (Withdrawn). A device according to claim 5, further comprising a moveable joint between said sign plate stem and said first extension arm.

Claim 7 (Withdrawn). A device according to claim 4, further comprising a second extension arm connected between said first extension arm and said sign plate.

Claim 8 (Withdrawn). A device according to claim 7, further comprising a moveable joint between said first extension arm and said second extension arm.

Claim 9 (Withdrawn). A device according to claim 8, further comprising a moveable joint between said first extension arm and said saddle stem.

Claim 10 (Withdrawn). A device according to claim 8, further comprising a moveable joint between said second extension arm and said sign plate.

Claim 11 (Withdrawn). A device according to claim 10, further comprising a moveable joint between said first extension arm and said saddle stem.

Claim 12 (Withdrawn). A device according to claim 1, in wherein said sign plate is removably connected to said saddle stem.

Claim 13 (Withdrawn). A device according to claim 1, further comprising means for removably connecting said sign plate to said saddle stem.

Claim 14 (Withdrawn). A device according to claim 1, wherein said sign plate, said saddle stem, and said saddle fitting are one-piece.

Claim 15 (Withdrawn). A device according to claim 1, wherein said saddle stem and said saddle fitting are one-piece.

Claim 16 (Withdrawn). The device of claim 1, wherein said labeler is of a material selected from the group consisting of metal, resin, plastic, and glass.

Claim 17 (Withdrawn). A device according to claim 1, wherein said sign plate, said saddle stem, said saddle fitting, and said pipe are one-piece.

Claim 18 (Withdrawn). The device of claim 1, wherein said saddle fitting includes at least two saddle legs.

Claim 19 (Withdrawn). The device of claim 1, wherein a plane of said sign plate is orthogonal to an axial length of said pipe.

Claim 20 (Withdrawn). The device of claim 1, wherein a plane of said sign plate is substantially parallel to an axial length of said pipe.

Claim 21 (Withdrawn). The device of claim 1, wherein a plane of said sign plate is angled with respect to an axial length of said pipe.

Claim 22 (Withdrawn). The device of claim 1, wherein said sign plate includes at least one serration so that said sign plate can be reduced in size by snapping a portion of said sign plate off from a remainder of said sign plate at said at least one serration.

Claim 23 (Withdrawn). The device of claim 1, further comprising a plastic cover removably attached to said sign plate.

Claim 24 (Withdrawn). The device of claim 1, further comprising a second sign plate connected to said sign plate wherein said second sign plate is of a different size than said sign plate.

Claim 25 (Withdrawn). The device of claim 1, wherein said sign plate includes at least one support strut.

Claim 26 (Withdrawn). The device of claim 1, wherein said sign plate includes at least one support strut and said connector includes a plurality of slits in one end thereof.

Claim 27 (Withdrawn). The device of claim 1, wherein said sign plate includes one of raised lettering and Braille characters integrally molded with said sign plate.

Claim 28 (Withdrawn). The device of claim 1, wherein said sign plate is contoured such that said saddle fitting is effective for fitting over a valve fitting.

Claim 29 (Withdrawn). A labeling device, comprising:

a sign plate; and
a saddle stem integrally molded to said sign plate, wherein said saddle stem is effective for fitting inside a female T-fitting profusion on a saddle-T fitting.

Claim 30 (Withdrawn). The device of claim 29, wherein said sign plate includes at least one support strut.

Claim 31 (Withdrawn). The device of claim 29, wherein said sign plate includes at least one support strut and said connector includes a plurality of slits in one end thereof.

Claim 32 (Withdrawn). A labeling device for a pipe, tube or conduit, comprising:

a sign plate;
a saddle stem connected to said sign plate; and
a valve fitting connected to said saddle stem, wherein a pipe portion of said valve fitting, said saddle stem, and said sign plate are integrally molded.

Claim 33 (Twice amended). A labeling device intended for use on a circular pipe, tube or conduit, comprising:

a sign plate that includes a flat surface; and
a saddle fitting integrally molded to and below said sign plate, wherein an inside

diameter of said saddle fitting is shaped as a section of a circle having a gap measuring between greater than 50° and less than 180° , such that when applied to a said pipe, tube, or conduit having an outside diameter and an axial length, said inside diameter of said saddle fitting is equal to or slightly smaller than said outside diameter of said pipe, tube or conduit and the inside diameter of said saddle fitting is in contact with the outside diameter of said pipe, tube, or conduit.

Claim 34 (Withdrawn). A labeling device intended for use on a circular pipe, tube, or conduit, comprising

a sign plate;
a saddle fitting integrally molded to a saddle stem, wherein an inside diameter of said saddle fitting is shaped as a section of a circle having a gap measuring between 50° and 180° , such that when applied to a pipe, tube, or conduit having an outside diameter and an axial length, said inside diameter of said saddle fitting is equal to or slightly smaller than said outside diameter of said pipe, tube or conduit and the inside diameter of said saddle fitting is in contact with the outside diameter of said pipe, tube, or conduit; and

a flexible connector connecting said sign plate to said saddle stem.

Claim 35 (Currently amended). In combination, the device of claim 33 and a said pipe, tube, or conduit, such that said device is positioned on said pipe.

Claim 36 (Currently amended). A method of labeling a circular pipe, tube, or conduit, comprising the steps of:

- a) providing a device comprising a sign plate that includes a flat surface and a saddle fitting integrally molded to and below said sign plate, wherein an

inside diameter of said saddle fitting is shaped as a section of a circle having a gap measuring between greater than 50° and less than 180° , such that when applied to a said pipe, tube, or conduit having an outside diameter and an axial length, said inside diameter of said saddle fitting is equal to or slightly smaller than said outside diameter of said pipe, tube, or conduit and the inside diameter of said saddle fitting is in contact with the outside diameter of said pipe, tube, or conduit; and

- b) applying the device to the pipe, tube, or conduit.